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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Dear Friends,

On October 1st, the County Executive delivered his 2016 Recommended Budget, totaling \$1.37 billion, to the County Board Supervisors. Currently, the Board's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee is deliberating the Recommended Budget.

There are some major issues in the Executive's Budget. It starts with an almost \$9 million cut to the Sheriff's Department budget, which directly effects his ability to perform public safety functions. On top of that, there is a \$4 million cut to the County's shared revenue from the State because the County Executive cut a deal which saddled County taxpayers with an \$80 million/20 year contribution to the new Milwaukee Bucks arena project.

I am, however, pleased that the St. Martins Road project is fully funded and will be constructed next year. I am also working on a budget amendment that will help address staffing issues highlighted in the June 2015 audit report on the needs of Boerner Botanical Gardens.



Supervisor Taylor questions County Executive Chris Abele on his recommended 2016 County budget.
(Courtesy: Mike Di Sisti/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel)

Please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have, especially if you were unable to attend one of three Town Hall meetings earlier this month. As I have stated in the past, it is an honor to serve you and together, with your help, I am certain that we can Move Milwaukee County Forward.

All My Best,

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 2016 BUDGET

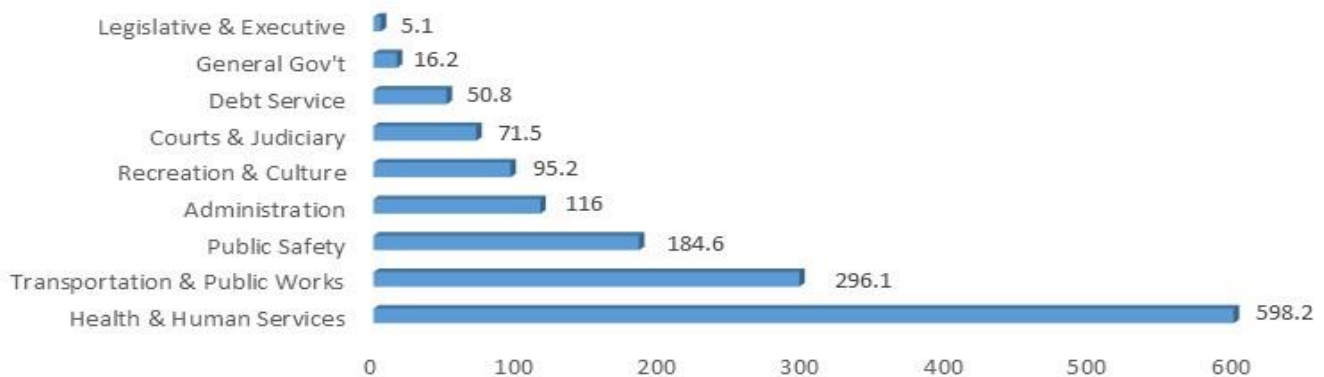
On October 1, County Executive Chris Abele delivered his 2016 Milwaukee County recommended budget to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. The 2016 recommended budget calls for total expenditures of \$1,374,746,605, an increase of over \$37 million over the 2015 budget, or 2.77% increase. The recommended property tax levy stays flat at \$282,985,125.

Direct revenue is Milwaukee County's largest revenue source (\$634.7 million), followed by the tax levy (\$283 million). State shared revenue also stands at \$260.7 million.

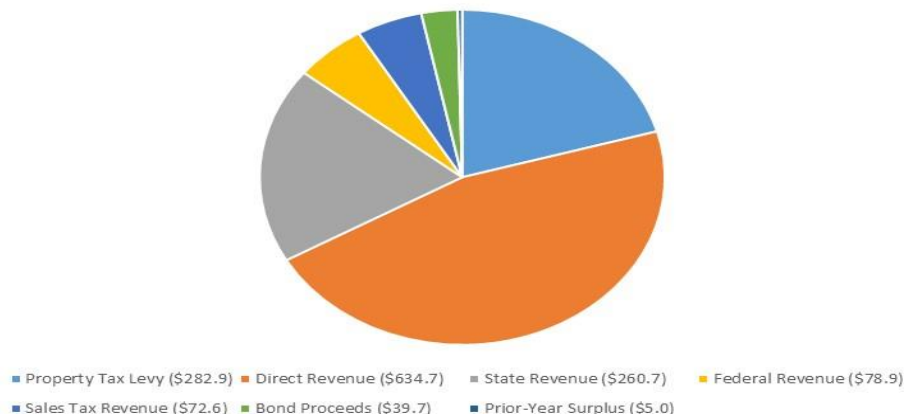
As of this writing, the Board's Finance, Personnel & Audit Committee is deliberating and amending the proposed budget. Health & Human Services is Milwaukee County's largest expenditure at \$598.1 million. Of this amount, \$303 million would be allocated for the Family Care Managed Care Organization. Transportation & Public Works totals \$290.3 million -- \$163 million would be allocated for the Milwaukee County Transit System. Public Safety, which includes the Sheriff's Office, amounts to third-largest proposed budget allocation at \$183.7 million. The proposed budget also contains a \$10 million deficit

The proposed budget will be amended by the Milwaukee County Supervisors and adopted on November 9. Possible vetoes will be considered on November 18. The County Board of Supervisors will also hold its annual public budgeting hearing on Monday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Domes.

Recommended 2016 Milwaukee County Expenditures (in millions)



2016 Proposed County Budget



TREE DEDICATION AT BOERNER BOTANICAL GARDENS

On October 14th, a ceremony was held at Boerner Botanical Gardens in honor of Supervisor Taylor's late wife, Marcie. The ceremony dedicated a tree prominently located between the Visitor Center and Garden House in Marcie's honor, amidst the beautiful fall colors. At the base of the tree, a plaque generously donated by County Executive Chris Abele commemorates Marcie's contributions and legacy in Milwaukee County's 9th District. Supervisor Taylor would like to thank his colleagues and friends who attended the ceremony and made it possible to honor Marcie within the heart of the crown jewel of the Milwaukee County Parks System.



SUPERVISOR TAYLOR NAMED ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHAIRMAN

In early September, County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr. named Supervisor Taylor the new chairman of the Board's Economic & Community Development Committee. The term will run until the end of this current election cycle, in mid-April 2016. Supervisor Taylor will use his position as Chairman to promote business-friendly policies in the County as a means of creating jobs and economic growth. Economic development is one of the most crucial issues facing both the 9th District and Milwaukee County. Supervisor Taylor hopes to use this platform to strengthen the tax base and bring economic progress to the community.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th. Highlights of most pertinent legislation considered by the board will be featured in the next edition of *Privileged to Serve*.

To view the votes on all actions taken by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and its standing committees, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

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WEHR NATURE CENTER

Flavors of Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, November 14th
5:00 pm-7:30 pm

Savor the flavors of fall made from local Wisconsin products. A warm fire welcomes guests to a Wisconsin cheese-tasting before the main tasting event begins. Our partners, the Beer Barons of Milwaukee, will be sharing a unique seasonal beer brewed special for the event. Enjoy an evening with friends and do a little early holiday shopping at the Fall themed silent auction while helping the Friends of Wehr to raise money for Wehr's Accessibility Project. [Click here](#) for additional details.



Please click [here](#) for the entire Milwaukee County Parks Event Calendar

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



FREE the first Thursday of each month!

Free for all visitors. Visit mam.org for additional details.



"Thank You Thursdays" from 9 am-8 pm!

Free general admission to MPM on the first Thursday of each month. Visit mpm.edu for additional details.



2015 FREE Days!
Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 5
Special Holiday Free Days:
Thanksgiving, Christmas Day &
New Year's Day

Visit milwaukeezoo.org for additional details.



FREE on Mondays from 9 am-Noon!

Excludes major holidays. Visit milkeedomes.org for additional details.

BOERNER CORNER

Herbs: Popular Thanksgiving Favorites

Saturday, November 7th
10:00 am-11:30 am

Learn how to create healthy and flavorful Thanksgiving dishes using a variety of herbs. At the end of the demonstration, students will be able to sample each tasty recipe and receive recipes featured in the demonstration. All participants will also receive an autumn-inspired herb/spice rub from Penzey's Spices and will be entered into a raffle with prizes, including an FBBG gift shop goody bag. The cost of the class is \$10 for FBBG members, \$15 for the general public. [Click here](#) to sign up!

Make a Holiday Wreath

Thursday, November 19th
6:30 pm-8:00 pm

Kick off the holiday season with a wreath-making class. Using wild foliage, foraged branches and seasonal blooms, you'll create a lush and festive wreath that will dry nicely and last throughout the entire holiday season. The cost of the session is \$30 for FBBG members, \$35 for the general public. [Click here](#) to sign up!

Gift Shop Hours

Please note the new gift shop hours, effective through early April: Monday-Friday, open by request; Saturday, closed; Sunday and special events, open 10:00 am- 2:00 pm.

TRICK OR TREAT

In 2015, Halloween falls on a Saturday. City-wide Trick or Treat in all three 9th District Communities will take place in the early evening hours of October 31st.

Hales Corners: Sat., Oct. 31st, 4 pm-7 pm

Franklin: Sat., Oct. 31st: 4 pm-7 pm

Oak Creek: Sat., Oct. 31st: 5 pm-7 pm; this will be a city-wide event and the trick or treat "safe site" will be the Oak Creek Historical Grounds.